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9.5 RULE CHANGE TO CLARIFY WORDING TO PROTECT SCALLOP HABITAT FROM BULL RAKES AND HAND TONGS⁵

I. ISSUE

Clarification of rule language to protect habitat from bull rakes and hand tongs.

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